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Dear Dixie Boys/Majors Baseball Allies:

Dixie Boys Baseball is very concerned about the inactivity pandemic in the U.S. which is impacting the health of our children and the amount of money this country is spending on health care. As a group, we can make a difference in reversing inactivity and, as a result, curb the excessive spending on health care. Dixie Boys Baseball is working closely with two organizations on this campaign, the Sports & Fitness Industry Association and PHIT America, a non-profit dedicated to creating a Movement for a Fit & Healthy America.

Right now, there are two pieces of legislation before the U.S. Congress which are pro-physical activity. One of the bills can directly impact the wallets of Dixie Boys Baseball parents as well! I am referring to the PHIT (Personal Health Investment Today) Act. If passed, the PHIT Act will allow the general public to get reimbursed -- through their Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts -- for activities that directly relate to exercise. Some of the reimbursable expenses include youth baseball & softball registration fees, instructional camp fees, pay-to-play fees, and necessary equipment purchases (cleats, bats, protective gear, etc.)

The other legislation is the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP), which provides grants to school districts and community based organizations to support innovative physical education and activity methods. PEP has been passed and funded for the last 12 years. We need continued passage of PEP! Listed below is a link that allows you (and the entire Dixie Boys Baseball 'Nation') to send a personalized electronic letter to your local Congressman and your state's two U.S. Senators -- seeking support for PHIT and PEP. It is as easy as 1, 2, 3 to use. The link appears below:



[http://www.phitamerica.org/Advocate/Dixie\\_Boys\\_Baseball.htm](http://www.phitamerica.org/Advocate/Dixie_Boys_Baseball.htm)

Please **ADVOCATE** now and help the cause. Forward this email to your friends so they can help, too. If you would like more information on the PHIT Act, please click [here](#). For more information on the PEP Program, click [here](#). The PHIT Act and PEP will help reverse the inactivity pandemic in the U.S.! The support of the Dixie Boys Baseball 'Nation' can make a difference in reducing health care expenses and reversing inactivity in America. We thank you in advance for your support of PHIT and PEP!

Sincerely,

**J. Sandy Jones**

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